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Welcome to Falcon Junior School

The staff, children and governors warmly welcome you to Falcon Junior School.

We are proud of our heritage and standing within Sprowston's community. Founded over 50 years ago, we are a happy, thriving school with an excellent record of attainment in supporting children to achieve their own personal and academic success through provision of a nurturing environment.

Excellent teaching, guidance and support is at the heart of Falcon Junior School, supporting children to build confidence as well as their knowledge, skills, communication and relationships.

Every child matters here which is why we provide the foundations and opportunities for pupils to reach their full potential.



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Our Mission Statement

At Falcon Junior School, we provide a safe, encouraging, and engaging learning environment that enables all children to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to make the most of their lives, both now and in the future. This is achieved through excellent teaching, a nurturing ethos that builds relationships skills, and a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion that ensures fair treatment and opportunity for all.



The School and Facilities

Falcon Junior caters for children from age 7 to 11 and is located north of the historic city of Norwich, in the community of Sprowston.

Classes and Classrooms

Our school block underwent an extensive refurbishment in September 2022 with Year 6 housed in the 2018 Bob Bruce Building. Children are accommodated in a modern, engaging and well planned learning environment.

Our classes and teams are named after birds; a link to the heritage of Sprowston. At Falcon, we use Google Suite, programming software and digital recording devices.

Children have access to a wide variety of musical instruments, a well stocked library and up-to-date IT resources.

Catering

The school promotes healthy eating and the on-site kitchen prepares and provides a varied and tasty menu with a range of nutritious options throughout the year.



Sports Facilities

Children have access to a wide variety of outdoor and indoor sports facilities including a multi-games area. Swimming lessons take place at a neighbouring school and we benefit from a large area of playing field space within our grounds.

Children make use of a range of permanent equipment during their breaks such as a sand pit, digging area, MUGA, climbing frames, a slide and a range of outdoor gym equipment. The Falcon Junior Sports Day is a highlight of the school year and we offer an extensive variety of extra-curricular sporting opportunities.

Parent Pay

At Falcon Junior, we use Parent Pay online system which facilitates the convenience of paying for school meals, trips and extra-curricular activities through a secure online system.

The School Day

The school timetable is purposefully designed with English and Mathematics taking place every morning.

Foundation subjects are timetabled throughout the day ensuring children are taught a broad and balanced curriculum.

In addition to regular class and year group assemblies, a special celebration assembly is held each week where children and staff have the chance to come together to celebrate and share success.



School Teams

Pupils at Falcon Junior are assigned to one of four house teams named after birds: Merlin (blue), Peregrine (red), Harrier (yellow) and Kestrel (green).

Throughout the year, children have the opportunity to earn points for their team through academic and personal achievements. There is a reward for the winning Team each half term.

Curriculum

The curriculum we offer at Falcon Junior provides opportunities for inspirational and purposeful learning.

We ensure high quality teaching is relevant and engaging, as well as being adapted to meet the needs of each individual child. Learning at Falcon is further enhanced through the offer of a wide range of educational trips and visitors. We love to take our pupils outside the school grounds to explore and learn more about the world and our residential opportunities create life long memories that pupils treasure.

The teaching of core skills is included in our lessons to help children embed essential knowledge and expertise. Our curriculum is planned so that children build on prior knowledge, supporting learning which is progressive from year 3 through to year 6. Our aim is for children to be well prepared for high school and life beyond. The school invests heavily in training for staff so that teaching and learning delivered at Falcon Junior School is the best that it can be.



The transition from infant school to Falcon Junior School was excellent. The teachers are brilliant and made our child feel welcome and at ease when joining the school.

YEAR THREE PARENT



Falcon Junior School is a great school! All teaching staff, and all who work there, should be proud of providing a great and supportive environment for the children. My child will look back on his time at Falcon with nothing but fantastic memories.

YEAR FIVE PARENT



Achieving Potential

At Falcon Junior, we value all pupils and strive to ensure that every child achieves their full potential through personal successes.

We have a dedicated Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator and a team of nurturing and helpful teaching assistants who support our children. We monitor the progress of each child, providing intervention groups to challenge and engage children at every level of their learning.

We understand that happy, confident children can become independent lifelong learners and we provide frequent opportunities for children to investigate their own emotions and relationships by engaging with adults and peers in a safe learning environment.

Celebrating success and creating an environment where children are able to develop their aspirations is key for enabling them to flourish and progress, therefore we recognise achievement and hard-work through regular praise and reward.



Extra-Curricular Activities

A wide and varied range of extra-curricular activities offers children opportunities to enjoy and experience the arts, sports, outdoor activities and games at after-school clubs.

We enjoy regular opportunities to take part in inter-school sporting events, allowing children to experience competitive activities and achieve sporting success. We have a school minibus which enables these opportunities to take place.

Furthermore, children have the option of learning to play a wide range of instruments including violin, trombone, trumpet, guitar, drums, and keyboards.

The school participates in the Norfolk County Music Festival and our musical and drama showcases and Christmas plays are entertainment highlights.



Pupil Leadership

We encourage children to participate in leading our school; their opinions are incredibly important. Pupils act as ambassadors for the school and take an active role in important decisions such as: what is on the school menu and how we can improve the outside play area.

We encourage all children to recognise and embrace their role as responsible and empathetic citizens. Our School Council body is representative of all classes across the school, members being democratically elected by their class peers. The Council debate matters important to school life and

this provides an ideal opportunity for children to use their powers of persuasiveness, reasoning and argument.

Pupils are also voted by peers to become Eco Council representatives. They meet to discuss matters relating to environmental issues within the school as well as performing regular Eco Council inspections of classrooms where they advise on ways to help conserve energy and avoid waste.

Year Six children are given the opportunity to become Team Captains, carrying the responsibility of being

positive role models for the whole school. Two children are voted in from each team and take on practical duties including collating and providing reports on team points as well as representing the school during open evenings and being responsible for running transition activities for new year three children.

In addition to this opportunity, we also offer Year 6 further leadership opportunities such as Science Ambassadors and Digital Leaders to encourage them to become confident, passionate and inspirational members of our school community.





Falcon is a wonderful school. Our child has blossomed during Year 3 due to his teachers and the great atmosphere in the school. He has learnt lots and had some great opportunities such as trips to Kew Gardens. I cannot praise the staff enough - everyone has been approachable and eager to help. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

YEAR THREE PARENT

Our Community

We recognise the multi-cultural, multi-faith nature of the United Kingdom and understand the crucial role our school plays in promoting British values.

We actively seek learning opportunities to enhance children's experience and understanding of cultural diversity, as well as promoting an awareness of protected characteristics. Our staff are trained to accommodate a range of learning styles and we seek to offer a broad and balanced curriculum.

Falcon Junior has strong links with local feeder infant schools and high schools, working together to ensure a smooth transition across the key stages. We provide a wide range of transition opportunities which allow children to become familiar with their new school environment.



Year Six has been a fantastic year for our child. He has enjoyed all his lessons and has been enthusiastic about the work he has undertaken. Some great topics! I think the preparation for transition to High School has been great so thank you!

YEAR SIX PARENT



Partnership with Parents and Carers

We recognise the value of effective communication between school and home and work with parents to ensure that all children are supported in their learning. To that end, homework is set to consolidate knowledge and skills learnt during the school day.

During the year, meetings are set between teachers, parents and carers to discuss emotional and social development as well as academic progress. The partnership between home and school is an open one and we encourage a regular and honest dialogue. We value and encourage communication and we pride ourselves on our collaborative approach. All teaching staff make use of tools such as Class Dojo so that communication is easily accessible and effective.

At Falcon Junior we welcome and value the wealth of experience and talent that parents and carers offer. We appreciate the time parents and volunteers give, whether it is providing support with reading, helping on school trips, working on the Falcon PTFA or contributing as a parent governor.



Recognition and Celebration

We understand the value of recognising our pupils' efforts and every child deserves to celebrate their learning, progress and achievements.

At Falcon, we offer a reward system where children gain credits when they demonstrate the school values: Resilience, Respect, Aspiration, Positivity, Creativity and Kindness. Falcon Flyers are nominated by teachers each week and certificates are presented in celebration assembly to recognise and reward children who have demonstrated these values.



After sets of credits are earned, children are awarded stars which pupils proudly pin to their ties; the ultimate goal is to reach the Falcon Star.

In assemblies, we encourage children to share their success stories, in school and out. We love to hear how children have reached a goal or accomplished an ambition whether it's a swimming certificate, artwork, musical instrument grade, drama performance or sporting achievement.



Safeguarding

Falcon Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Policies and procedures are in place to underpin our safeguarding commitment: all can be viewed on our school website.



Falcon is an excellent school with great values and purpose. The staff have been dedicated and really professional during some very tough times recently. There is a lovely supportive atmosphere surrounding Falcon.

YEAR FOUR PARENT

Thank you for reading our brochure. We look forward to welcoming your child to our wonderful school.

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